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Re: ACS NPL Site Residential Well Sampling

Dear Greg:

In response to your written request of August 15, 1990 regarding residential well sampling for selected private residents near the ACS NPL site, Superfund staff, Paul Courtney conducted interviews by telephone and in person with the concerned residents in order to ascertain whether sampling was necessary. Enclosed with this letter are two separate documents which direct the residents' concerns to the appropriate party for necessary action. A summary of Mr. Courtney's investigation and follow-up is given below.

On August 16 and 17, 1990, the residents listed on the Mailing List which you submitted to Superfund were contacted by telephone to determine if they had private wells. Only three of the six residents on the list had operating wells. A seventh concerned resident (Mr. Thomas Jones) was added to the list due to Ms. Diane Tomasko's referral and the fact that they also had a private well in operation. Of the four private wells in operation, all but one use their water only for irrigation. Only Ms. Cheryl Jansen uses well water for inside (home) use. Ms. Jansen indicates that she primarily uses bottled municipal water from Schererville for drinking.

From the telephone interviews, it was noted that only Mr. Thomas Jones and Ms. Jansen were within the documented area of groundwater influence from the ACS NPL site based on data from Phase I and II of the Remedial Investigation. It was recognized that the residents along East Main Street required some further attention due to a potential source of solvent contamination at Griffith Airport.

Based on the preliminary information gained from the telephone interviews, on August 24, Superfund submitted a written request to the U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager for the ACS NPL site, Robert Swale, for negotiation with the PRPs to add Ms. Jansen's and Mr. Jones' wells for additional sampling for contaminants of concern. On September 12, U.S. EPA formally transmitted our request to the PRPs (copy enclosed). On September 24, Superfund was informed by the PRP's RI/FS consultants (Warzyn Engineering, Inc.) that the Jansen and Jones wells would be sampled for volatile organic compounds in mid-October.

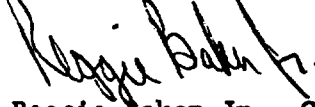
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With regards to the residents near the Griffith Airport (a privately owned facility), an on-site visit was made to the Breedens and Earharts on September 11 in order to investigate their concerns further. A copy of Mr. Courtney's findings are detailed in a Site Referral to IDEM Site Investigation for formal investigation (copy enclosed). IDEM Superfund, U.S. EPA and Warzyn Project Managers all concurred that the two groundwater units showing contamination at the ACS NPL site do not warrant any concern for residents along East Main Street since both units flow away from the airport area.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Paul Courtney at 243-5056.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures (2)

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